



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0337	<b>Title:</b>	Permissive levy for firefighter disability insurance
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Cohenour, Jill	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

	<b><u>FY 2008</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2009</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2010</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2011</u></b> <b><u>Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

### **Description of fiscal impact:**

1. This bill has no fiscal unless a political subdivision affected made contributions for group benefits under 2-18-703, MCA, on or before July 1, 2001. If the political subdivision did make contributions for group benefits before July 1, 2001, the increase in benefit costs can be added to the taxpayers' property tax liability without the 15-10-420, MCA, property tax limit. This would increase the amount of property tax collected at the local government level.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

1. This bill provides for a permissive levy for firefighters disability insurance; however, unless it meets the requirement of 2-9-212, MCA, the levy will not result in new revenue. If the political subdivision meets the requirements of 2-9-212, MCA, there may be additional local government property taxes levied for disability insurance premiums.
2. The fiscal impact cannot be determined and would be contingent upon the taxable value (value of the mill and number of mills) of the entity in which the tax levy was assessed.

#### **Technical Notes:**

1. The bill provides for a permissive levy for volunteers of a fire district and fire service area, however, most fire service areas are funded through a fee rather than a tax. Also, it appears to not be applicable to county volunteers who are not part of a district, nor are there any provisions for volunteers of a fire company.

2. Under 7-6-2527, MCA, a county already has the authority to impose mills to fund fighters' disability insurance. If the purpose of the bill is to exceed the limitation in 15-10-420, MCA, it does not accomplish this goal unless the fire district already made contributions from property tax for these benefits before July 1, 2001.

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